

Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, September 27, 2011
Town Hall, Town Room

Present: Peggy Roberts, Nonny Burack, Adrienne Terrizzi, Mary Streeter, Patricia Holland, Carol Gray.
Absent: Harry Brooks. Also Attending: Aaron Hayden, Select Board Liaison

Peggy called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

1. Web Page Setup

Mary showed us examples of 1) the TMCC page on the Amherst Town website, 2) the Budget and Zoning Calendar with clickable headings, and 3) TMCC Events, including events and deadlines. She would like more advice. Adrienne said she will work with Mary on this matter

2. Preparing for Fall Town Meeting

Microphones: Adrienne thought we would not receive additional microphones in time for the Fall Town Meeting. Adrienne will once again try to reach Edwards to ask for two and email his response. They cost \$200-\$400 each. Aaron recommended writing the Select Board and Town Manager requesting the funds.

On runners for the microphones, Mary recommended putting a notice on the listserv. Carol will explore finding high school students for the job.

Possible Informational Forum: Aaron suggested that TMCC encourage the Planning Board to hold meetings on the zoning articles; no one else agreed. Mary noted there are two aspects to the zoning issue, 1) what is form-based zoning, and b) how would it work in Amherst.

Warrant Review: The Select Board will sign the warrant on Friday, October 7th, by 12 Noon. An in-house warrant review will be on Monday, October 3rd. TMCC and the League of Women Voters will hold a public review of the warrant articles on Thursday, Oct. 20th from 7-9:30 PM.

Need for Bus Tour: The consensus was to have a bus tour. It would take place on Sunday, Oct. 30th, from 2-4 PM. Carol and Pat will be on the subcommittee to plan the bus trip. Carol will make the bus reservation.

Packet Information: Information from TMCC to go into Town Meeting members' packets will include information on the warrant review, precinct meetings, bus tour, the 2012 required election of all members of Town Meeting. The information has to be ready for the first packet by Oct. 11th at noon.

Precinct Meetings: Mary reported that the tentative schedule for precinct meetings is: Prec. 2 and 9, Monday, Oct. 26th; Prec. 5 and 6, Saturday, Oct. 24th at the Police Station; Prec. 4 and 10, Thursday, Oct. 29th at the Police Station; Prec. 7 and 8 Tuesday, Nov. 1. Prec. 1 and 3 is not yet scheduled.

Minutes of August 18, 29 and September 15: Review postponed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2 PM. The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 6th, 11:30 AM -2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Holland, Clerk

Documents provided:

1. agenda
2. draft minutes of 8/18, 8/29, and 9/15 meetings